A dam should be constructed in the Periyar and water should be distributed from it to the different parts of the taluk, or in the alternative, a canal should be opened from the Periyar south-east to near the taluk cutcherry. The various irrigation tanks or *chiras* in the taluk such as the Poothrangattu chira in S. No. 451/6, Kazhukampalam pakuthi, should also be restored and made serviceable.

The village road from the Alwaye-Vengode road, 8th mile, to Kazhukampalam should be made a cart road; as also the village road from Mannooparampu to Airapuram and the one from Pulluvazhi to Airapuram. Of these, provision had already been made for the first in the current year's budget, but no work was yet done in regard to it. Orders should be issued for starting the work before the end of the year.

A cattle-market should be established in the land in S. No. 451/2 in the Kazhukampalam pakuthi.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Athan Ahammad, as regards the opening of an irrigation channel from the Periyar or the construction of a reservoir for supplying water to the ryots of Kunnatnad, the proposal was investigated a little time ago by the engineering authorities who came to the conclusion that such a scheme would neither be a success from the engineering point of view nor be economically sound. Therefore the idea had reluctantly to be dropped.

As regards the deepening of the Putharangattu chira and other chiras, this is being investigated and an estimate will be prepared for the restoration of Putharangattu chira and one or two other chiras. In the matter of roads you mentioned, they all have to go before the Road Board which will shortly be constituted.

As regards the establishment of a cattle market at Chelakulam, there is one already, within 8 miles. So there was no necessity for a second cattle market. If any one applied for permission to open a private market, Government will consider the question.

102. Needs of the Vilavancode taluk, with special reference to Kuzhithura.

MR. A. PAKIANATHAN (*Member, Municipal Council, Kuzhithura*) spoke on the following needs of Kuzhithura:—

The ryots' road from Kuzhithura to Madichal should be improved and it should be extended to join the Kaliakavila—Mankad road. No new road had to be opened for extending the road, except for one furlong. For the remaining distance there was a *poramboke* lane existing which had only to be widened and made cartable.

The level of the Mankad—Parthivapuram lane should be raised so that it might not be submerged under water in the rainy season.

Roads fit for cart traffic should be opened in the beach villages. This will serve not only to open up these villages, but will also lead ultimately to the improvement of their sanitation.

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The P. W. D. toll-gate at Kuzhithura which was situated on a sharp descent of the road should be removed from there and taken outside the municipal limits. Its present location was very dangerous to the vehicles which had to stop there for paying the toll. Many accidents had happened there already. It was absolutely necessary in the interests of the public to remove the toll gate to some level place, preferably outside the limits of the municipality.

A sat rom should be established at Kuzhithura. The present Magistrate's court building, which was to fall vacant shortly, could be utilised for the purpose.

The Munsiff's court at Kuzhithura should be shifted to the vernacular school building and the vernacular school to the Munsiff's court building. The court was now held in a building which was seriously affected by the rise of water in the Kuzhithura river. In the rainy season clients found it not a little difficult to reach the court. As for the vernacular school building, it was located on the right side of the main road very near the motor checking station. The little children going to and returning from the school had to cross the road four times a day. In these days of motor cars and buses it was conceivable how risky it was for children to cross the road so many times in the busiest parts of the day. Moreover, the school compound was only 48 cents in area which was not at all sufficient for a middle school. The building itself did not provide sufficient accommodation. The drill shed attached to the school was in a very precarious condition and stood in danger of breaking down at any time. The building was thus, on the whole, unfit for holding a school. If, however, some slight repairs were made, it could be utilised for holding the Munsiff's court, while the school could with advantage be transferred to the building in which the court was being held.

The civil jurisdiction of the Munsiff's court, Kuzhithura, and the revenue jurisdiction of the Tahsildar, Vilavancode, should be made co-extensive. Only three pakuthies of the Vilavancode taluk *viz.*, Kizhcolam, Melemidalam and Kizhmidalam remained outside the jurisdiction of the Munsiff's court, Kuzhithura. These should also be brought within the jurisdiction of the court.

The pakuthies of Killiyur and Kizhcolam should be transferred from the jurisdiction of the Eraniel Magistrate to that of the Kuzhithura Magistrate. These pakuthies were nearer to Kuzhithura than to Eraniel.

Tamil should be taught instead of Malayalam in the vernacular schools in the Vilavancode taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Pakianathan, I am completely at one with you in thinking that more roads in the fishing tracts will be distinctly beneficial to the people. As to what particular roads should be undertaken and in what manner they should be taken in hand, these are matters which I think are best considered by the Road Board shortly to be constituted as you heard earlier at this session. In respect of

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the toll gate at Kuzhithura, I am not aware how many lives were lost there. I am not aware of a single case of loss of life at the Kuzhithura toll gate during the last three and a half years. However, if you have known any such incident, I trust you will bring it to the notice of Government.

I shall have the question of a satrom for Kuzhithura enquired into.

I shall also have due attention paid to your suggestion for the transmutation of courts and schools so as to suit the better convenience of the people of Kuzhithura.

The question of the transfer of the Killiyur and Kizhkulam pakuthies to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's court at Kuzhithura will be taken up in connection with the general question of redistribution of jurisdictions.

I shall have the Director of Public Instruction enquire into the state of the vernacular school for boys, Vilavankod.

I shall also have an investigation made as to the desirability or feasibility of improving instruction in Tamil in the schools in the Vilavancod taluk.

103. Needs of the Karunagapally taluk, Group II.

MR. K. VELAYUDHAN PANICKAN (*Member, Karunagapally taluk, Group II*) said that the works on the Alumpidika-Sri Mula Madhavapuram market road had not yet been completed. As a result of representations in the Assembly about the construction of the road, the immediate opening of the second and third sections of it was sanctioned by Government and the second section, namely, from Ochira to Alumpidika, was practically completed. But some culverts and bridges still remained to be constructed, while for the third section absolutely no work was done yet. For the construction of this portion of the road the shallow lagoon on the way should be raised and an embankment constructed. This would also serve to keep off salt water from the paddy fields on either side of the road. The local public had already submitted several representations to Government for putting up an embankment at this place, but nothing was done in the matter.

A road should be opened from Vallikavu to Vavakadu, as also a road from Kayancolam to Govindamuttom and another *via* Krishnapuram to the backwater side.

Encroachments on all village roads and lanes in the taluk should be removed.

Arrangements should be made immediately for supplying good drinking water to the people of Azheekal. There were about 500 families and 5,000 people in the place. As for public institutions there were three or four primary schools, a public market, two temples, a Roman Catholic church and a P. W. D. camp-shed. In a place with so many inhabitants and so many public institutions the supply of fresh water was almost nil. The matter was brought to the notice of Government on several occasions, and the Executive Engineer, Quilon, once prepared

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